

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1070 - SB 901**

March 24, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits any Health Related Board from issuing or renewing a license to a health care professional or applicant who might engage in direct patient care when such applicant or professional has been convicted of a felony.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- There will be a not significant regulatory impact to the Division of Health Related Boards to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section. Any cost incurred as a result is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- According to the Department of Health, each profession's respective practice act provides that the board or committee has the authority to consider an applicant's past criminal convictions and use its discretion to grant or deny a license. Boards and committees also have the authority to discipline a licensee based on a criminal conviction. It is estimated that there will not be a significant reduction in the number of licenses issued by each board; therefore, any impact to licensure fee revenue will not be significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Division had a balance of \$5,416,959.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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